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LostCousins, which aims to match cousins using census data that you enter, is offering free contact with matched cousins until Monday. You can become a LostCousins basic member at any time and enter your names and census detail but to establish contact with a matched cousin, you need to have a paid membership or wait for the free opportunities Peter Calver offers during the year. (www.lostcousins.com)

Deceased Online adds 100,000 Burial Records

DeceasedOnline has added new burial records for Merton, one of 32 London Councils, to its database. The new cemeteries are Church Road, Gap Road, London Road, and Merton & Sutton Joint cemeteries. They now have over a million burial records online from Aberdeen to Kent – searching is free but to get the full data, you will have to pay. (www.deceasedonline.com)

Griffith's Valuation – Ireland

Griffith's Valuation was the first full-scale valuation of property in Ireland and lists both land owners and their tenants. It was taken by Richard Griffith and published between 1847 and 1864. A very important genealogical source from the 19th century, it is now available to search without charge at *AskAboutIreland* (<http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/index.xml?action=nameSearch>). It is easy to search by name – anyone with ancestors from Ireland should try it out. *AskAboutIreland* is a project of public libraries, museums and archives to digitize and publish material from their local studies collection online. As well as Griffith's Valuation, it has digitized books from a number of counties.

The Forum

Questions:

No new questions from readers this week.

Answers:

Q1/33/2010. England.

In checking the England and Wales Will and Administration Indexes, online at Ancestry.com, I have found two indexes which had Letters of Administration (with the Will annexed). I thought that Wills and Administrations were mutually exclusive - there either was a Will, or not. Can anyone explain this to me?

Sonia van Heerden wrote: "I suspect that English law is similar to Ontario probate law. Letters of Administration with Will annexed are obtained when the Executor named in the Will is unwilling or unable to execute his/her obligations, either the Executor named has died or is too ill to do his duty or is in another jurisdiction and it would be difficult to properly deal with property in the deceased's jurisdiction.

Then an Administrator is appointed by the courts. The new Administrator has to fill in application forms and the Executor named has to fill in forms indicating why he is unable or unwilling to act. In this case I don't know whether the Administrator has to post a bond in England as might be required in Ontario."

Were You Aware...

UK BMD – Births, Marriages, Deaths and more on the Internet

When looking for UK births, marriages and deaths post-1837, I rely heavily on **FreeBMD** (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>) for the **GRO** (Government Record Office) index entries up to about 1945. I can then order the relevant certificate from the **GRO** online at <http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/> for £9.25. But there are two sets of Birth, Marriage and Death indexes in the UK; the original indexes held by the local register offices and this secondary index created by the General Register Office. This past week I was researching a family who lived in Hull in the East Riding of Yorkshire. I had three John William LastName born within a 12 month period in Hull and was having difficulty determining the one I needed. I then remembered **UK BMD** (<http://www.ukbmd.org.uk/>), which has links to transcriptions of the local civil registration records. I was delighted to find that **Yorkshire BMD** (<http://www.yorkshirebmd.org.uk/>) have been transcribing the local post-1837 BMD registrations and seem to have concentrated on the larger cities, like Leeds, Bradford and Hull. At first, I was just seeing if **FreeBMD** was missing anything but then I realized that **Yorkshire BMDs** had more information which was a great help. The local transcription had the sub-district of Hull, and I was able to match one of the John Williams to his siblings and the area the family lived in the census. The marriage indexes were even more helpful, giving the name of the spouse and the name of the church or the registry office. My only disappointment was that the quarter of the year in which the event took place was not obvious. I could click on the reference number to produce a form to send to Hull City Council for a certificate (cost £9).

There are nine regions using the UK BMD software for their transcriptions:

- Bath & North East Somerset – ½ M births, 180K marriages and 350K deaths
- Berkshire – 234K births, 90K marriages and 140K deaths
- Cheshire – nearly 3M births, nearly 1M marriages and 2M deaths
- Lancashire – over 6M births, 3.5M marriages and nearly 3M deaths
- North Wales – 1.2M births, 360K marriages and 728K deaths
- Staffordshire – 1M births, 800K marriages and 590K deaths
- West Midlands – 1.4M births, 440K marriages and 700K deaths
- Wiltshire – 120K births, 220K marriages and 70K deaths
- Yorkshire – nearly 3m births, nearly 1m marriages and 1m deaths

To search the local BMD transcriptions, go to http://www.ukbmd.org.uk/index.php?form_action=local .

If you have ancestors in any of these areas, you may find these transcriptions very useful. Don't forget that the local BMD registers have one less source of error because the GRO records are themselves a transcription. The **UK BMD** has over 1800 links to web sites that offer other on-line transcriptions of births, marriages, deaths and censuses. **UK GDL** has links to Genealogical Directories and Lists and **UK MFH** has links to Military Family History on the Internet.

Genealogical Treasure or Garbage?

I subscribe to the New England Historic Genealogical Society newsletter, *The Weekly Genealogist*, because I really enjoy some of the articles (for example, the article on copying records in Bulletin 33). This week's article by Michael J. Leclerc is about the process of clearing out to downsize his aunt's house, and his relatives throwing out genealogical treasures. The next day, *The Global Gazette*, sponsored by **Global Genealogy**, had an article entitled "What to do with my genealogy collection when I am gone?" by Rick Roberts. [To subscribe, go here: <http://globalgenealogy.com/admin/membership.htm>] This seems to me to be two sides of the same coin. How do we collect our treasures, and what do we do with them later in life if no-one has expressed any interest in them? When my parents downsized their home, I collected the items that interested me genealogically – my siblings were less interested. But I foresee that when my aunt in England moves to a smaller residence, items I would love to have will be consigned to the rubbish bin. My three cousins have shown little interest in their roots and, of course, they will be doing the clearing out. How do I ask them to put old photos and letters away for me if they have no interest? Have readers experienced the ups and downs of clear-outs? Have people remembered that you may be interested in their "garbage"? Do you have plans for your family history or will the recycling bin be overflowing when you downsize?

Films received in the 8 days ending 02 September 2010 and due for return on 30 September 2010.

Film Content	Film No
ENG BRK Shalbourne	1279359
ENG HAM Kingsclere PR	1041209
ENG HAM Kingsclere PR	1041210
ENG WIL Etchilhampton	1279343
ENG YKS Cawood PR	1068352
ENG YKS Wistow Wills, Bonds, Inventories	1835467
HUN Zemplen Csarocz Czeke - 1869 census	0722681
IRL LEX Portarlinton RC PR 1820-1876	0926125
POL KI Pinczow Jewish Recs. 1851-1861 & 1864	0716167
POL Korolowka Gk Cath Church 1815-1871	1764378
POL Korolowka Gk Cath Church 1815-1871	2160029
USA NJ Jersey City St Peter RC PR	1403371
USA NY Erie Deed Index 1 G-Q 1808-1859	0812738
USA NY Erie Surr. Ct. Est. Ind. E-G 1800-1929	0915753
USA NY Manhattan M Brides 1879-1887	1530423
USA NY Manhattan M Grooms A-Frame 1881-1887	1523043
WLS Llananno BTs 1687-1847	0104469

A patron wishing to view a film ordered by another patron should check first with staff. The patron who ordered the film will always have priority. Any patron may renew a film ordered by another patron although the original patron's name will continue to appear on the label. The description of the film given above may not be a full description. A film number search in the Family History Library Catalog will reveal the full content of the film. The geographical abbreviations used above are based on the Chapman codes.

Toronto Family History Centre Current Opening Hours.

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Monday 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Friday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon
Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.
Summer Closures: September 4 to 6.

You can request, by email, a copy of a searchable listing of all the films, fiche, CDs and books held at the Toronto Family History Centre. These will be sent to you as a pdf file attachment to an email but are about 2Mb in size and so high-speed internet connection is desirable.

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